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Alamo N. M. April 18/1909, My dear Sister and Family
your letter rec'd a few days ago, and I tried to get time
to answer it the same day I got it, but didn't do it.
I was so glad to hear from you, it seems like a
long time between letters but it takes a
little so long to get here this letter was a little
over a month coming, how long does it
take for my letter to reach you. I am always
so thankful when I hear from you and it
reaches me are all well oh how thankful you
should be my darling. I never knew what
trouble was before but I certainly have had
my share of it the last two years. I have
never seen a day for two years this last March
Larrel took sick the first of March and was
in bed two months and wasnt able to do
any thing yet when we sent her to N. M.
with Lillie the coming September. She
was pretty bad for about two weeks after
they got here then she begins to get well and
when she got home she looked like another
girl. but poor Lillie never has got any
better she is able to sit up yet but very weak
she is the poorest person I ever seen up
and around she walks out doors and
sits in her rocker out doors all the
time. she is taking mercuric treatment
now and will take the Tuberculin now in
a few days the doctor puts the mercuric in the
arm and the Tuberculin in the

² Do you know any thing about it it costs
a 1.00 for one treatment for the mercury and she
has to go to him. she takes it every other day
the tuberculin is sent so expensive but is
enough then she takes a 1.00 bottle of ego-
mulsion every week and medicine for the
bowels and for a wash for the head and
so many other things we have fought
this terrible disease every way and tried
every thing we hear of that we know is good
she took the Conolor treatment from California
that was so expensive. she had to inhale
that and rub on the Liniment I thought
that helped her quite a bit but it seems
like all we can do don't do very much
good. she gets discouraged and that is
so hard on her. we are alone now John
we come and Staid 2 weeks and went
back home John Long may come before
long. they have both come several
time to see us and Della come once she
A have come once. Louisa is coming
in July if she lives and we are still
here but I don't expect I will get to see
my dear Boy. it costs so much to come
down here. the other children are
well as common nothing to brag on

Enoch's head is a little better before time but

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Chaney lives on the home place and John lives
with them they have a mighty sweet child
so every one loves it. I would love so well
to see her. Del and Della are still living
on their farm they are making money
del got 1500 from his father this winter.
I don't know what they think of doing
but I suspect he will put more with
it and buy a little piece of land some
place where they want to live and rent
their farm they have 100 acres there
it will rent for 12.00 a year. Del thinks
he would like to travel around for
a year but Della won't do it. She is a
regular little worker she buys every thing
they have to buy for the table and their
clothes and every year something for
the house. This spring she got her a
new Range and paid for it her self.
but she is breaking her self down I
am trying to get her to stop working so
hard. Bessie says she weighs 148
I believe. but I don't think she feels as
well as she should. She don't have to
work hard at all. but she goes so much
and entertains so often that it makes
it hard on her I wish she wouldn't do
it. She has a lovely man and a good

they have made lots of money since
they have been married he may build
home there if they make up their mind
to stay there he did build an office of
yrs Isabella Adamson is married she
married an old like fellow about 40
but she told me he was quit wealthy I
guess he is they live about 15 mi
from us but I never have seen them
and he has never been here she said
she would bring him some day. Phil
has a fine woman I admire her very
much. them and Charies have a great
time to gather she was Susan when
before they were married I guess they
have things pretty nice Remy thinks
she is a fine affair so she wrote to me.
Late did you get the two letters with the
cards in and the one with the cover in
a man in a seed store fixed that cover
I would have fixed it a little different
if I had done it I put a little turn up and
in did you see it dont forget to tell me
if it grows there. Late Ely being is
married again didnt he make an ass
out of him self did you hear about him.
well I must not write any more this time
where is Bess Alfred tell me all about her
to you all and a big hug and lots of love

my darling write to me often so I can hear how you are getting on
I hope it will be so you can come
in soon

But I forgot to tell you Lillies
dream one night she woke up &
crying she had cried while the
pillow was all wet and her
night cap all wet with tears
she said she thought annie
Lette had come home and she
was so rejoiced to see her
that she had both arms around
your neck and couldn't quit
crying she woke up that way
and when she woke up and
found it to be a dream it
made her feel so bad she
couldn't quit crying she
wants to see you all so bad.
Poor darling child she is
so poor and weak that she
couldn't stand very much
trouble if she let it come
in her mind like I do, but
she tries to not think about
her trouble, but she will
break down once and a
while and cry so hard.

the wind is blowing the
dust so terrible here today
that we can't see the mts.
it is the worst place to live
dust I ever seen in my
life. you wouldn't like
it here on that account
you would like California
I know better than here
but my dear Mother
brother sister and children
you will never be satisfied
so far from your home
in Iowa. you are like one
you have a little dogling want
to go and see and I want
to see mine so bad now.
I wouldn't give my home
in Iowa for all of N. M. if
my children were all well
and we could live there
like one did. Oh how happy
we should have been. But we
didn't ever dream of being separated.
wee good by to all

dear. Aunt, Uncle, & cousins
I will try & put in a few
lines but it makes my heart
ache to think of you so far
away the tears will drop in
spite of me I will be so glad
when you get back

I don't get any better I
am so weak & cough so much
I am taking a mercury
treatment now

Papa just went home Sat &
John is coming again in about
2 weeks I think we will go
to Cal. this summer for I
don't get any better here
But I dread the trip there
I have 10 hens & we get all
the eggs we want to use
But we don't have any garden

But we buy every thing
that way right fresh from
the wagons

I guess most of the fruit
was frozen this spring only
some late fruit But we
have a good many jars
at home yet

Grubb is a big boy now
but he is so bad he runs off
every day

Well it is getting so
windy & dusty I guess I will
have to quit Well I could
see you all

With lots of love & kisses
Your niece
Lillie

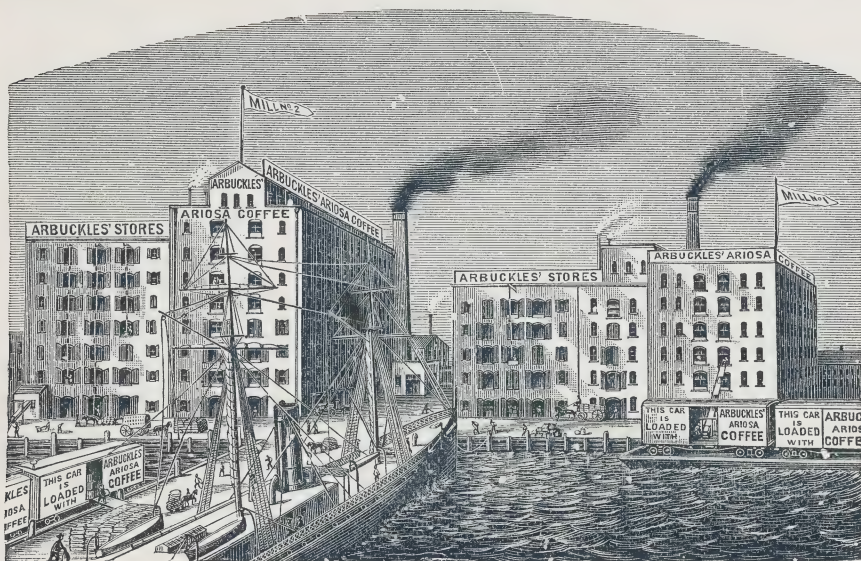
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Sincerely Yours

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J. F. Buckle

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